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Solano County Office of Education Receives \$50K Donation for STEM Camps and Innovation Lab from PG&E

SOLANO COUNTY, CA – Solano County Office of Education (SCOE) received a \$50,000 donation from Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) to support science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) for local students. The donation was presented yesterday at PG&E’s celebration for the 100th Anniversary of the Vaca-Dixon substation, which now features a museum. A large symbolic check was presented to Solano County Superintendent of Schools Lisette Estrella-Henderson by Joe Wilson who is the vice president of PG&E’s North Valley & Sierra region.

PG&E’s donation will help SCOE expand free robotics, coding and engineering camps aimed at closing gender gaps in STEM-related fields for Solano County girls. Funds will also provide supplies for SCOE’s Innovation Lab at the Golden Hills Educational Center in Fairfield. The lab has a career and college readiness focus, supporting students in exploring engineering, robotics, and coding. Stocked with 3-D printers, robotics systems, maker space materials and more, SCOE’s Innovation Lab offers students a wide variety of engineering-based learning experiences. Both the Innovation Lab and girl camp program promote career exploration in STEM industries as well as collaboration, design thinking, growth mindset, and project-based learning for students.

“The donation from PG&E will allow SCOE to continue to expand free programs across Solano County and connect students with meaningful learning experiences and career exploration in the energy industry and STEM-related fields,” commented Solano County Superintendent of Schools Lisette Estrella-Henderson. “We are grateful for their support of our career and college readiness programs for students.”

For more information about SCOE’s camps or Innovation Lab, contact the SCOE’s Community Engagement Office at (707) 399-4429.

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